(c) and (d) The 8th Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated and hence the target of oil production and the outlays required for doing so are yet to be firmed up.

Local dialling at New Bombay

580. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present subscribers in New Bombay area which is under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. have to use STD for getting Bombay;

(b) whether Government are aware that this causes great inconvenience to the New Bombay subscribers and also discourages development of New Bombay; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to bring New Bombay directly under the local dialling network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bombay and New Bombay are treated as two separate Local Areas since they serve the areas under Bombay and Thane Municipal Corporations and New Bombay Municipal Corporation. The calls between the two are charged as between two non adjoining unit fee zones. At present there is no proposal to bring New Bombay directly under the local dialling network of Bombay.

Opening of new post offices in Eastern suburb of Bombay

581. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for opening of new Post Offices at many places in the Eastern subsurb of Bombay;

(b) if so, which are the places that have been indentified for the purpose; and

(c) by when the Post Offices in those places are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir, there are demands for opening of new post offices in the eastern suburbs of Bombay.

(b) There are proposals for opening of post offices at (i) Vikroli, (ii) Ghatkopar, (iii) Muland East, (iv) Anushakti-Nagar, (v) Mahul and (vi) Bhandup.

(c) It is not practicable to indicate the time by which the proposed post offices can be set up as availability of suitable rented accommodation is a major constraint in Bombay.

Common telephone exchange for Mangalore and adjoining areas

582. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mangalore City and the adjoining areas is rapidly developing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for certain parts of Mangalore City are not covered by the Mangalore Telephone Exchsange but are covered by another Exchange;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for certain areas around Mangalore new Telephone Exchanges have been commissioned and to and from calls are treated as local-calls; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have not brought all these areas under one Telephone Exchange for the convenience of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Mangalore telephone exchange serves the entire area of Mangalore Municipal Corporation & forms one single local telephone system Other telephone exchanges serve areas outsite the jurisdiction of the Corporation & form their own local areas. Calls between these exchanges & Mangalore Telephone Exchange, being within 20 Km. distance, are at present treated as local calls and are charged on unit fee untimed basis as per the existing tariff policy. All these areas can not be brought under one single local area as they fall under different local panchayats.

New telephone connections at Kurla (East) Bombay

583. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some applicants for telephone connections in and around the Railway Colony at Kurla (East) in Bombay have been denied new connections on the pretext that cables have not been laid;

(b) whether it is also a fact that already one line is operating in the area;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which additional lines are not being provided; and

(d) what further steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. This area is at present technically not feasible due to non-availability of cable pairs.

(b) Yes, Sir. One Public telephone is working in this area.

(c) In this area, several high tension overhead and underground cables and long distance railway traction lines have been installed. For erection of any line or laying a cable permission from Railway authorities is required who seldom accord this permission. Only when a large number of demands are to be met, this permission is accorded.

(d) A 300 pair underground cable is proposed to be laid in the newly developed Tilak Nagar area which will meet the needs of the prospective customers.

दैनिक मजदूरी पर काम करने वाले श्रमिकों का नियमित किया जाना

584. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत के उच्चतम न्यायालय ने पिछले वर्ष दैनिक मजदूरी पर काम करने वाले श्रमिकों को नियमित किये जाने के संबंध में अपना निर्णय दिया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या संचार मंत्रालय ने उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णय के अनुसार दैनिक मजदूरी पर कार्य करने वाले अपने सभी श्रमिकों को नियमित कर दिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अब तक कितने श्रमिकों को नियमित किया जा चुका है और कितने श्रमिकों को अभी भी नियमित किया जाना शेष है ; और

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि महानगर टेलीफोन निगम ने उच्चतम न्यायालय के इस निर्णय के क्षेत्राधिकार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले श्रमिकों को अभी तक नियमित नहीं किया है ; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) उच्चतम न्यायालय ने विभाग में एक वर्ष से अधिक समय से